THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) to (c) The Companies Act 1956, (the "Act") provides the framework for appointment of independent statutory auditors to audit the accounts of the companies and for reporting to shareholders. Such audited accounts are also required by law to be displayed on the electronic registry of companies for general viewing. The Act also provides for punishment/penalty for non-compliance/default of the above requirements. The Indian Auditing and Assurance Standards are formulated under the law on the lines of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards and, as such, contain the best global practices for compliance by auditors. The conduct of auditors in complying with the technical and legal framework governing audit of companies is also regulated under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949. Where any misconduct on the part of statutory auditors comes to notice, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, on a complaint or otherwise, ascertains the actual role and discharge of functions by the statutory auditors with regard to the accounting and auditing standards, the provisions of the Act etc. for action under the provisions of the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949, in addition to legal liability under the Companies Act, 1956. As there is already a comprehensive regulatory framework in existence, there is no proposal to specifically provide for stricter norms for auditing in large companies.

Restoration of monuments in Delhi

748. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to improper restoration method by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) most prominent monuments in the capital including 'Khirki Masjid' and 'Safdarjung Tomb' are slowly turning pink;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to restore their original colour; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and when the original colour of these monuments is expected to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir. Every care is taken for proper conservation of protected monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Protection of monuments in Rajasthan

749. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for declaring any structure as protected monument;

(b) the details of protected monuments located in Rajasthan;

(c) the amount spent on the maintenance of the said monuments during the last three years;